

OAC Here Will Be Renamed

New Headquarters To Be in New Jersey

Military and civilian personnel from the Ordnance Ammunition Command at Joliet will be used in part to man a new field command of the Army Ordnance Corps—the U. S. Army Ordnance Special Weapons Ammunition Command being established Sept. 1 at Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N. J.

The Department of the Army made the announcement Friday afternoon, reporting at the same time that the Ordnance Ammunition Command here is to be renamed and no longer will be the headquarters. It will continue to operate as an element of the new command, it was reported, as will the Picatinny Arsenal.

Major General Robert G. Butler formerly deputy commander U. S. Communication Zone, Orleans, France, has been named commanding general of the new headquarters. He reported establishment of the new command will permit management improvements and economy resulting from the assignment to one individual of complete Ordnance responsibility and authority for special weapons and ammunition from inception to ultimate disposition.

Co-ordination and supervision of atomic energy support of Ordnance Corps ammunition development will be one of the main tasks of the new headquarters.

Ordnance experience in recent years has proved the advantages of assigning complete system or commodity management responsibility along with the necessary authority to a single field commander, the Army said.

Similar experience resulted in the creation of the U. S. Army Ordnance Missile Command at Huntsville, Ala., for guided missiles and rockets.